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Applicant(s): Andreas LENDLEIN et al.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2009, and with a request for a 3 month extension in which to respond, Applicants respond and request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.